GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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MANUFACTURING OF VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles two wheeler/four wheeler manufactured in the country during each of the last three years, separately;

(b) the number of foreign companies with the collaboration of which vehicles are being manufactured at present;

(c) the number of persons engaged in this sector;

(d) whether more employment opportunities can be provided through the vehicle manufacturing sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) Production of two wheelers and Four wheelers during the last three years is as under:-

(in Nos)

Category	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Four wheelers	8,75,179	7,97,640	8,34,071
Two wheelers	37,78,011	37,58,518	43,23,644

(b) Since liberalization of Automobile sector in July 1991, 17 foreign companies have been granted approval by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) for setting up manufacturing units for the production of Passenger cars, Multi-Utility Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles.

(c) Automobile Sector employs 4.5 lakh people directly and more than one crore people indirectly.

(d) to (e) Yes, Sir, the automotive sector has great potential for employment generation due to its forward and backward linkages. Among forward linkages, the key generator of employment are Oil Industry, distribution and after-sales service network as also the after sales supply of spares and replacement by the auto component industry. As for backward linkages, Auto Industry is also the largest consumer of raw material like steel, aluminum, zinc alloys, rubber and plastics resulting in employment generation in these sectors.